

TORNADO WHEN SHOW IS OVER

WILLIAM DES DRENCHED AND
HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE TAKEN.

Tree Uprooted, Boats Adrift, Flaggates
Sunk and Struck by Lightning
Court of Honor Wrecked—Col.
Roosevelt Under Shelter Just in Time.

The storm sun that had smiled on
visitors to sea and land and had sent
the mercury up to the summer tempera-
ture of 82 degrees, was suddenly blotted
out at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon
by a thunder cloud that within a minute
had veiled forever the whole south-
western sky. Col. Roosevelt had just got
under shelter. Lights blazed in the win-
dows of buildings all over town. It
seemed as if the night were about to set
in five hours before sunrise. The fore-
caster on the job in his tower at 100 Broad-
way said there was a storm coming. So
did everybody else. Such is the migh-
tiness of meteorological wisdom.

A few minutes later a gale howled out
of the southwest with a fierceness that
sent the heavily foliated trees howling
deeply. Flaggates on tall buildings and
in parks and yards of the town
went like reeds under the burden of hun-
gry. The wind shifted as the center of
the black squall rushed to the northeast
and came out of the northwest with greater
force, blowing for five minutes at the rate
of fifty-eight miles an hour. Before the
first gust had passed it had taken a toll of
a dozen lives in this neighborhood.

One of the prophets on duty at the
Weather Bureau said that the storm might
be likened to an immature tornado. It
was born on the southwestern quadrant
of the "low" that was over New England
yesterday afternoon and it followed the
usual course of the tornado, going to
the northeast. Under proper con-
ditions, that is out on the plains or in
unpopulated territory, the blow might
have grown into a real tornado. It had
the characteristics of the twister, notably
that of tearing up trees by the roots.

It certainly was terrific when after
an unobstructed flight across the bay it
struck Battery Park. The first tree and
one of the oldest in the park, standing
in the center of the wide circular
park just southeast of the Aquarium,
was felled over. Two other trees
were laid low. Several were split and
hundreds of branches were twisted off
and blown along the water. The emer-
gency hospital tent put up for the day
was blown down on two men who were
in it. They got out unhurt. The court
of honor in the park was wrecked and a
part of the grand stand was torn down.

The big new flag, 60 by 90 feet, flying
from the top of the steel mast of the yacht
Consolation in Battery Park, bent the
mast as it never had bent in the
worst weather the gallant old yacht
ever ran into. Something had to give,
and as the steel mast would not the great
flag was ripped off and sent tumbling down
the pole far out into the bay. The flag
weighed seventy-five pounds and cost
\$100. The flag on the Washington Build-
ing was carried away.

Seison have watchers from windows
of this borough seen a more torrential
rain than came with the shifting of the
road to the northwest. The spurts of
wind came so close upon each other that
the rain was sometimes mingled in a
whirlwind sheet. Within twenty minutes
more than 40 of an inch was measured
by the prophetic gauge, and the tem-
perature dropped 20 degrees, or to 62.
It was said that the rain could be called
without exaggeration excessive, and that
with the rest of the fall for the afternoon
the rainfall for the month so far, as com-
pared with the normal fall up to the
present time, was more than three inches
in excess of normal.

The worst of the storm was over inside
of six minutes. It bothered navigators
in the harbor because of the blackness
that came with it and the foglike ob-
scuration of the rain. Fifty-eight miles
an hour, a record for five minutes, but it
is hardly worth for a city wind that is com-
monly weakened by towers, unaffected
even by blasts of hurricane force, that
are in the course of most of the strong
winds measured by the official anemome-
ter only twenty-two stories from the
street.

The storm struck Broadway so sud-
denly that the street was stunned for a
moment. Every hotel threw open its
doors and every theatre opened its
lobby. Even saloons opened to men
and women alike, and many women were
to be found in barrooms—most of them,
it is to be presumed, for the first time
in their lives. The subway kiosks looked
like refuges until it was seen that the
subways and the platforms below were
just as full of people as they could hold.
And of course every incoming train
loaded out another crowd.

There used to be five thirty foot flag
poles on the Knickerbocker. Two of
these fell into the street below, splinter-
ing themselves without hurting anybody.
A third stayed for a while, a ton
and a half of it hanging in that thorough-
fare between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth
streets. A big square of flag from one
of these poles was picked up in Thirty-
ninth street between Fifth and Sixth
streets.

The storm caught the Hotel Albany
with a full house. Several windows
broke and all were pulled out
of the building and hung on to the
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NINETEEN DEAD; EIGHTY HURT

French Trains Catch Fire After Collision
—Officials Give No Help.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN
PARIS, June 18.—At 8:30 this evening
at Villepreux, twelve kilometers from
Versailles, two trains were in collision.
At least nineteen persons were killed
outright and more than eighty were
injured.

A passenger train from Dreux had
pulled up at Villepreux to repair damage
to the locomotive. While it was standing
the Paris-Granville express dashed into
its rear at a speed of sixty miles an hour.
Ten carriages were overturned. They
caught fire and terrible scenes followed.

Some of the passengers leaped from the
carriages in flames. The officials seemed
to have lost their heads for about ten
minutes and made no efforts at rescue.
Later one had presence of mind enough
to telephone to Versailles for assistance.

Two battalions of infantry were sent
immediately. Firemen were also sent.
When they arrived they found that no
water was available and they were power-
less to give any assistance, and the fire
burned unchecked amid the terrifying
screams of the dying.

Twelve bodies were found a hundred
yards away from the scene. Among them
were those of Worme de Romilly, a mining
engineer, and his six-year-old son. Both
bodies were terribly disfigured. They
were sent to Paris in an automobile. He
was a prominent member of the French
turf and a renowned shot. He married
a daughter of Ernest Jay.

Some of the Ministers hastened to Ville-
preux, where some of them were openly
attacked for the deplorable manner in
which the State railroads are conducted.

Many Parisian families are plunged into
mourning. So far as known no Ameri-
cans are among the injured. The
wounded were sent to the Versailles
Hospital.

It is feared that the full extent of the
calamity is not yet known. Search of the
debris when it cools may reveal more
dead.

TRAPPED THIEF A SUICIDE

Burglar Shoots Himself When Cornered
in East Thirtieth Street.

A burglar killed himself in East Thir-
teenth street last night when he found
himself cornered. He had just broken
into the store of Jacob Engel, a hair
dealer, on the third floor of 241 East
Fourteenth street.

Frederick Jackson, a plumber, who
lives on the second floor, heard a door
fall and ran into the hall. He saw a man
coming down the stairs in no particular
hurry.

As soon as the stranger had passed Jack-
son he ran the rest of the way to the
street and then sprinted west on Four-
teenth street, with Jackson after him.
The chase led down Third avenue and into
Thirtieth street.

As they were nearing Fourth avenue
Policeman Farrell of the Fifth street
station came up from the opposite direc-
tion. Seeing himself closed in the fugi-
tive stopped, pulled out a new revolver
and fired one shot into his temple. He
died at 9 o'clock at the New York Hos-
pital, three-quarters of an hour after he
fired the shot.

The dead man is about 5 feet 7 inches in
height and weighs 160 pounds. His com-
plexion is dark. He wore a brown striped
suit and a gray soft hat. In his pockets
were \$24.70, a gold watch, cards, papers
and trinkets. Several pawntickets bore
the name Peterson. The same name was
written on one of the cards.

One of the cards bore the name of Mrs.
A. Ensign of 431 West Twenty-third street.
Mrs. Ensign, who keeps a furnished room
house at that address, identified the body
at the hospital as that of a man calling
himself Peterson who had had a room
at her house on Monday and Wednesday
of last week. While he was there, Mrs.
Ensign said, there were some petty thefts
in the house.

FASTED 40 DAYS AND 4 HOURS

Levi Summe Does His Fourth Long Hunt
in Abstaining From Food.

FLORA, Ind., June 18.—Levi Summe,
former trustee of Burlington township,
Carroll county, has just broken a fast
which lasted for forty days and four
hours. This is not the first time that he
has attempted to outdo Dr. Tanner.
He began the practice about a year ago
on the advice of his physician, who told
him to fast for ten days as a treatment
for a case of rheumatism which had
failed to yield to medical treatment.

This Summe did at the end of ten
days he felt much better and observed
also that he really gained in strength,
being able to get around and to do his
farm work with much more ease than
before. It seemed to him that the range
of hunger was past, and he continued
the fast for thirty-seven days, fasting
in all thirty-seven days that he was with-
out food. After returning to food again
his rheumatism returned and he began
the diet treatment again.

WOMEN AHEAD AT CAMBRIDGE

Most the Men in University Honors in
Languages and Moral Science

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN
LONDON, June 18.—The issue of the
annual science tripos held at Cambridge
University reveals great triumphs for
women students. Previously they had
held their own, but in 1910 they beat
the men for the first time, having two more
successes in the medieval and modern
languages tripos than the men.

A woman also obtained a first in econ-
omics, sharing honors with one man.
Another woman secured a first class in
moral science, in which there were only
two male success.

CAR ALSO OVER OPEN GRAB

Motorman Not Broken on in Time to Save
Many Lives in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 18.—A crowded
street car was overturned today after
passing through the gates on the upper
viaduct and into the open street, sud-
denly hit by a truck. The passengers
were hurled about and many were
injured.

The truck was backing up to a car
when it struck the car. The car was
overturned and many were injured.

TAFT SIGNS RAILROAD BILL

HOUSE PASSES IT AND IT SOON
BECOMES A LAW.

The Senate Statedhood Bill Also Passed
Without a Record Vote on It—The
Railroad Bill Goes Through With
Only a Few Democrats Voting Nay.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The Taft rail-
road bill is now on the statute books.
The measure was finally passed by the
House this afternoon and was signed by
the President at 10:15 o'clock to-night.
The President found both the Adminis-
tration railroad bill and the statehood
measure, which also went through the
House on its final passage this afternoon,
waiting for his signature at the White
House when he returned at 9:25 o'clock
to-night from his trip to Pennsylvania.

The President was very tired, but was
glad to find both these measures, but
particularly the railroad bill, without
danger that he decided to sign it without
delay. The railroad bill was over in the
executive office, but the President had it
brought to the White House proper and
affixed his signature without any formality
in the presence of his secretary and one
or two others.

The Statehood bill will be signed Mon-
day. With the exception of the Payne-
Aldrich tariff law two measures
constitute the first "big" legislation to be
credited to the Taft Administration.

The bill admitting New Mexico and
Arizona to the Union caused hardly a
ripple in the House procedure, going
through without even a record vote on it.
The railroad measure was passed with
equal ease, only a few Democrats raising
their voices in opposition.

The Taft supporters in Congress were
elated over the success of the Adminis-
tration in finally getting definite results
from Congress on these measures, and the
fact that they went through backed by
many Democrats as well as by the solid
Republican vote was taken as added
reason why President Taft was to be
congratulated. In fact it is being pointed
out here now that President Taft is com-
ing out of the present session with his
party standing more solidly behind him
measures than it ever did on President
Roosevelt's recommendations.

Under the Statehood bill that has finally
been sent to the President New Mexico
and Arizona cannot be admitted to the
Union until next spring. The Territories,
however, can go ahead this summer and
elect delegates to constitutional conven-
tions. The constitutions will be sent to
the people of the Territories on referen-
dum and then will go to Congress and
the President for their approval. Even
if Congress fails to act on the constitutions
the States will be admitted automatically
sixty days after March 4 next.

It took only a short time for the House
to concur in the Statehood bill passed
by the Senate. The House already had
passed a measure of its own but decided
that the Senate bill was better and that
time would be saved by avoiding a confer-
ence.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana, who had
charge of the Statehood bill in the Senate,
was being congratulated to-day on the
outcome and appeared to be almost as
happy as Delegate Cameron of Arizona,
who has worked early and late at this
session to further sentiment for Statehood
legislation.

A few speeches were made in the House
before the conference report on the rail-
road bill was accepted. One of the speak-
ers was Chairman Mann of the House
Interstate Commerce Committee, who
had charge of the bill for the House.
He called attention to the fact that he
had been opposed to agreeing to the Sen-
ate railroad bill on the ground that that
measure could be improved in conference.
He had promised that the measure would
be improved, and he felt that he had kept
his word to the House. It was very
apparent from the demonstration that
the House also believed that Mr. Mann
had done a good job for them.

When the vote on the final passage
of the railroad bill was taken there was
a grand roar of ayes. Two or three
Democrats only voted against the meas-
ure, and the voice of Representative Adam-
son of Georgia, the senior minority mem-
ber of the Interstate Commerce Com-
mittee, was the only one distinguishable
in the faint opposition chorus. Most
of the other Democrats seemed to feel
that the railroad bill as finally passed
was a fairly good measure.

Representative Adamson made the
chief argument against the bill in the con-
sideration of the conference report.
"There still remains in this measure,"
he said, "the initiation of a pernicious
system of stock and bond speculation,
and the creation of a commerce court,
a useless and foolish travesty on juris-
prudence and an unconstitutional imita-
tion of our judicial system. The bill
will give to the Attorney General, though
in a modified form and degree,
control of litigation."

Mr. Adamson was inclined to think
that the bill as finally passed was a much
better measure than had been intended
by the authors of the original draft. The
conference committee was somewhat
responsible for this, he said, adding that
he hoped that no similar effort at legisla-
tion with like purposes and methods
would ever be made in this country
again.

WASHINGTON'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Stuart H. Howe Nominated for That Place
and Theodore C. Mitchell for Deane.

The board of superintendents of the
Department of Education have nominated
Stuart H. Howe as principal of the Wash-
ington High School, to fill the position
vacated by the death of Mr. John A. Smith.
They also nominated Theodore C. Mitchell
as principal of the Jefferson High School,
succeeding Charles F. Jennings, who died
in April.

Mr. Howe is the first assistant in psy-
chology and principles of education in the
Brooklyn Training School. He was
graduated from Yale University and has
done postgraduate work at Columbia
and at Johns. He received the degree
of Ph. D. from Yale. Mr. Mitchell is
first assistant in English in the Boys
High School, Brooklyn, and is principal
of a New York City high school.
Mr. Smith was a graduate of Columbia
University.

STEAMSHIP 'KIDNAP' BOYS

From Their Homes in New York City
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10,000 SUFFRAGETTE PARADE

March of Titles Among Them and Some
Picturesque Costumes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN
LONDON, June 18.—Ten thousand suf-
fragettes marched this evening to Albert
Hall, where the leaders made speeches
in which they pledged their support to
the woman's suffrage conciliation bill
and petitioned Parliament to pass the bill
at the present session.

The demonstration marked the reunion
of the various suffrage organizations in
support of the measure. A feature of the
procession was 500 women graduates,
wearing university robes, escorted by
a group of Cambridge University men,
believers in woman suffrage, in their
academic dress. Hunger strikers carried
a banner bearing the names of 400 suf-
fragettes who had refused to eat while in
prison. Six hundred and seventeen of
the marchers wore uniforms like those
they wore while imprisoned.

Mrs. Drummond commanded the
parade, with the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield
at her side. They rode astride. A group
of American women marched under the
Stars and Stripes under the leadership
of Mrs. Kate Jordan Vermilye of New York.
Among the notables in the parade were
Lady Constance Lytton, Viscountess
Harberton, Lady Blomfield, Lady Smith,
Lady Cockburn, Lady Stout, Lady Emily
Lytton, Elizabeth Robbins, the novelist;
Mrs. G. B. Shaw, Cicely Hamilton, the
dramatist; Madeline Lucette Kyle, the
dramatist; Lila Lehman, the singer, and
many actresses, artists and writers.

PREACHER KILLS ANOTHER

Fight in a Pulpit Between Mountain
Clergymen—Victim's Throat Cut.

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky., June 18.—The Rev.
Robert Vanover and the Rev. Isaac Perry,
well known mountain preachers, who had
been holding revival meetings, fought a
duel with knives in the Rock Creek Baptist
Church in Whitley county yesterday.
Vanover's throat was cut from ear to ear.
He died in a short time.

The trouble grew out of charges against
Vanover which were being tried in the
church when the fight occurred. Perry

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TOWN TURNS OUT FOR ROOSEVELT

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